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Dr. Wilhelm Ziegelmeier, former Vice-President of the Central Administration for Trade and Supply.

1. Ziegelmeier had a conversation with Marshal Sokolovsky on 12 March. Sokolovsky said that he intended to increase food rations in the Russian Zone as an answer to the Marshall Plan. The "Russian Minister for Food of the SIA" had just returned from Moscow where he received the following order from Stalin personally:

Arrangements are to be made to increase the ration in the Russian Zone to 2800 calories daily this summer. The normal ration will include 800 grams of potatoes, 600 grams of bread, 60 grams of meat, and 20 grams of fats per day. All exports of grains and potatoes from the Russian Zone are to cease at once. Hungary and Rumania are to deliver 500,000 tons of bread grains to the Russian Zone. Bread and potato rationing will end in 1949.

2. Ziegelmeier objected that much more albumen was needed to maintain health. Sokolovsky thereupon promised that the necessary meat and fish would be received from eastern Europe. Two hundred thousand tons of fish are to be delivered from Stettin on Russian orders. Ziegelmeier was told to expand all factories producing albumen on sulphite ly. and yeast bases.

3. Sokolovsky said he expected a very favorable political reaction since the western powers would be unable to match these increases. Sokolovsky also told Ziegelmeier that some of the lost eastern territory might be returned to Germany. His subordinates suggested that Pomerania, part of West Prussia, and most of Silesia would be returned to Germany on the condition that the USSR receive the rights to all petroleum deposits in Austria. They explained that they had proof that the Zisterdorf field extends in great volume all the way to the Hungarian plains.

In regard to Russian foreign policy, Ziegelmeier claimed that the USSR would be content with present gains in Czechoslovakia. Russia is aware of her weakness and does not want war. Her next step will be to consolidate her hold on North China. The Russians do not think the USA will use the atomic bomb because of the lingering dangers from the resultant radio-activity. They expect that the USA will now concentrate on super-explosive bombs and guided missiles.

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5. In the Russian Zone, according to Ziegelmeier, a new party will be formed this summer with leading figures from the old Freies Deutschland group. Officers and former Nazis will find a place in this party at the expense of SED leaders who have failed. This failure will be disguised by the use of single slate candidates in the next elections.

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6. Ziegelmeier [redacted] together with many German leaders, is swindling [redacted] toward Russia because the latter offers much greater hopes for German recovery. "Germany can be saved only by facts and actions and not by clever speeches and pseudo-democratic proposals". Ziegelmeier claims he has turned down many offers from the west because he finds the Russians are doing more to help Germany.

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